County of San Diego Class No. 005790

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SHERIFF'S SERGEANT

DEFINITION:

To assist in the supervision of the activities of an assigned division; and to do other police work of more than average difficulty as required; and performs related work.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

This class represents the first level of supervision of sworn staff in the Sheriff's Department. Positions in this class supervise details of Deputy Sheriff's engaged in the department activities within a division on a daily operational basis. The next higher class Lieutenant, assists in the general supervision of a division and has more administrative responsibility.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Supervises a detail of deputies; takes charge of investigations of difficult and important criminal cases, works alone with a subordinate; acts as a Lieutenant in his/her absence; coordinates and administers training of subordinates; completes studies and reports as directed by superiors; extradites prisoners; receives, reviews and prepares reports, takes statements from complainants, witnesses, and principals; as desk sergeant evaluates requests for police aid and supervises the dispatch of police personnel in response; may perform duties of Crime Prevention Coordinator; takes charge of the detention facility during assigned shift.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

- -- Rules and regulation of the Sheriff's Department.
- -- Supervisory and training techniques.
- -- Law Enforcement principles and practices.

General Knowledge of:

- -- State and Federal civil and criminal law and court decisions.
- -- Local area law enforcement agencies.
- -- County geographical area.
- -- The General Management System in principle and in practice.

Skills and Ability to:

- -- Supervise, train and evaluate Deputy Sheriffs and Cadets.
- -- Communicate with individuals and groups.
- -- Provide good public relations.

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- -- Communicate with other law enforcement agencies.
- -- Complete staff reports.
- -- Meet firearms qualifications standard as defined by Section 8.7 of the Sheriff's Department Manual of Procedures.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

Education, training, and/or experience which demonstrate possession of the knowledge and skills, listed above. Qualifying experience or education is four (4) years experience as a County of San Diego law enforcement Deputy Sheriff.

Probationary Period:

Incumbents appointed to permanent positions in this class shall serve a probationary period of (12) months (Civil Service Rule 4.2.5).

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